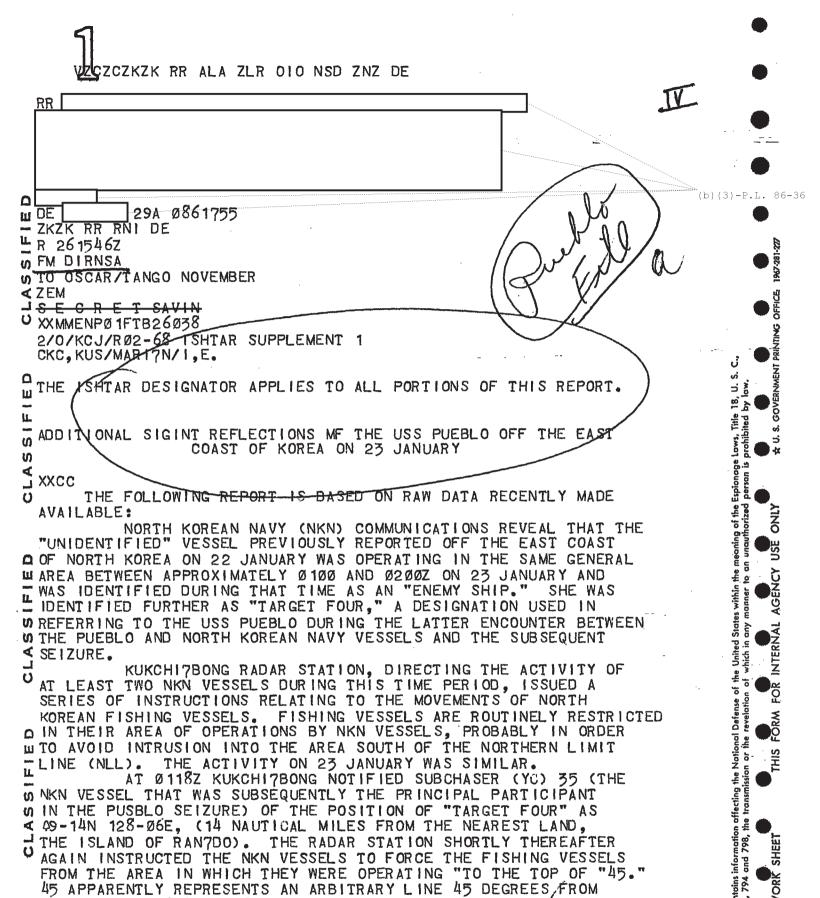
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₹ REPORTED FOR THE "TARGET"



D SUWO'N7DAN (38-4 IN 128-21E). NORTH KOREAN FISHING VESSELS ARE APPARENTLY RESTRICTED FROM OPERATING BELOW THIS, LINE.

KUKCHI7BONG THEN QUERIED AN UNIDENTIFIED TORPEDO
BOAT IF THERE WAS AN "ENEMY" IN THE AREA. SC735 ASKED
KUKCHI7BONG IF THE "TARGET" WAS VISIBLE (PROBABLY ON

U "SUPERIORS" THAT SHE WAS GOING FIRST "TOWARD WHERE TARGET

IN VAIN FOR SEVERAL MINUTES TO OBTAIN POSITION REPORTS

FOUR IS." AT Ø 136Z KUKKHI7BONG INFORMED SC735 THAT THE TARGET HAD DISAPPEARED AT Ø 130Z AT POSITION 49-14N 128-07E (14.5) NAUTICAL MILES FROM THE NEAREST LAND, RAN7DO). AT Ø 138Z, KUKCHI-BONG IDENTIFIED THE TARGET AS AT MILES FROM THE MEANEST LAND.

KUKCHI-BONG IDENTIFIED THE TARGET AS AN "ENEMY"

AT Ø 13ØZ SC735 REQUESTED KUKCHI 7BONG NOTIFY THE

FOLLOWING THESE EXCHANGES, KUKCHI-BONG ATTEMPTED

THE RADAR SCOPE) AND WAS AGAIN GIVEN THE POSITION JUST

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FROM SC735 AND THE OTHER NKN VESSELS. A REFERENCE WAS MADE BY KUKCHI BON TO AN UNIDENTIFIED ELEMENT ASSOCIATED WITH THE MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE INDICATING THAT THAT UNIDENTIFIED

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ELEMENT MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE OPERATIONS.

COMMENTS: THE ACTIVITY REPORTED ABOVE REPRESENTS NKN VESSEL MOVEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS RELATED TO THE PRESENCE OF THE O USS PUEBLO OFF THE WO'NSAN AREA EARLY ON 23 JANUARY AND COVERS THE TIME PERIOD BETWEEN THAT ACTIVITY REPORTED IN THE BASIC REPORT WHICH THIS SUPPLEMENTS AND 4/0/KCJ/R 13-68, THE RECORD OF NKN VOICE COMMUNICATIONS PRECEDING AND DURING THE ACTUAL SEIZURE (0223Z 7 0713Z ON 23 JANUARY). THE VESSEL TRACKED AND IDENTIFIED ON 22 JANUARY AS "TARGET NR. 9" WAS SUBSEQUENTLY REIDENTIFIED AS "TARGET NR. 4". THIS SAME TRACK WAS AGAIN REFLECTED EARLY ON 23 JANUARY AS THE SAME "TARGET NR. 4" AND IDENTIFIED AS SUCH AT Ø439Z PRIOR TO THE ACTUAL THE POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT IN THIS ACTIVITY BY AN ELEMENT OF THE NORTH KOREAN MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE (MND) MAY BE CONSISTENT WITH REFERENCES TO "THE COMRADE. . . FROM THE TOP" IN LATER NKN VOICE COMMUNICATIONS JUST PRIOR TO THE SEIZURE. IT IS NOT UNUSUAL FOR A COMMUNICATIONS ENTITY L ASSOCIATED WITH THE MND TO EXERCISE CONTROL OVER NKN VESSELS THROUGH THE VESSELS' CONTROL AUTHORITY (IN THIS CASE. KUKCHI-BONG) . S

ALL AVAILABLE SIGINT INFORMATION CONCERNING THE PUEBLO INCIDENT CONFIRMS THE POSITION OF THE USS PUEBLO DURING THE UTIMES OF THESE SIGINT REFLECTIONS AS BEING IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS.

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